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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 11-23 directed to a method of laser welding and an article formed by the method. Support for new claims 11-23 can be found in originally-filed claims 1-10 and in the description on page 1, lines 15-20; page 2, lines 11-16; and page 9, line 31-page 10, line 12.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

The word "type" has been removed from the claims.

The words "preferably", "more preferably", and "such as" have been removed from the claims.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

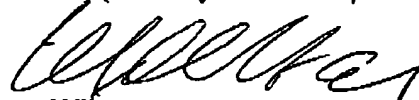
Claims 1-10 were rejected as anticipated by or, in the alternative, as obvious over JP 2-305831; JP 2841077; US 4,263,197; or US 4,527,994 in view of US 4,093,584; US 4,094,839; US 4,853,272; US 5,075,195; or US 5,489,639. The cited references make no mention of a method of laser welding or the use of the articles comprising the dyes used in the present invention in a method of laser welding. Hence, the claims are believed to be novel and non-obvious in view of the cited references.

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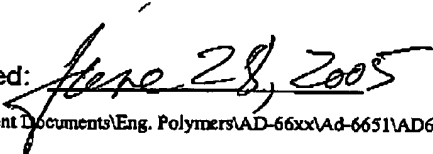
In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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